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FOLLOWING TEL FROM SAN JOSE DATED 7/2/76 SENT ACTION

SECSTATE INFO USIA GUATEMALA MANAGUA PANAMA SAN SALVADOR TEGU-
CIGALPA MEXICO REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION

QUOTE:

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SUBJ: WILKINS/VESCO STORY

REF: SAN JOSE 3148

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER SENT TO EDITOR OF "EXCELSIOR
ON JULY 2, 1976 BY PAO:

" IN REFERENCE TO YOUR "GRANDES SERIES DE EXCELSIOR", (VI) OF
JULY 2, 1976 WE NOTE THAT YOU HAVE PRINTED THE TEXT OF A
DECLARATION MADE HERE IN SAN JOSE BY JAMES W. WILKINS, JR
THIS STATEMENT COMBINED WITH THE RUNNING NARRATIVE OF
THE WRITER, AGAIN CONJURS UP THE SPECTRE OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ENGAGED IN KIDNAPPING
AND MURDER SCHEMES.

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WE THEREFORE REPEAT WHAT WE SAID IN OUR LETTER TO YOU

OF JUNE 25. THAT "THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN SAN JOSE, ON
BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, WISHES TO CATEGORICALLY DENY, NOW AND FOREVER
ANY INVOLVEMENT IN OR KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH A NEFARIOUS PLAN".
BECAUSE HOWEVER YOU HAVE PRINTED WILKINS' SAN JOSE
STATEMENT, WE ARE ALSO AT THIS TIME MAKING AVAILABLE
TO YOU THE COMPLETE TEXT OF A STATEMENT SWORN TO BY
MR WILKINS IN NEW YORK ON MAY 21, 1976. IN THIS
DOCUMENT MRGR WILKINS EMPHATICALLY DISAVOWS BEING SENT TO
COSTA RICA TO KIDNAP OR MURDER MR. VESCO, OR DO
ANYTHING ILLEGAL, FOR THAT MATTER, YOU WILL SEE THAT
THIS TESTIMONY IS AT GREAT VARIANCE WITH YOUR STORY AND THEREFORE,
IN THE INTEREST OF FAIRNESS, WE ASK THAT YOU PRINT THE
FULL TEXT OF MR. WILKINS' NEW YORK STATEMENT". TODMAN UNQUOTE
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